BREASTFEEDING INSURANCE BENEFIT GUIDELINES: Neighborhood Health Plan RI

- This grid includes the general coverage parameters for RIte Care.
- Bright Start® Prenatal Program packets are sent to all pregnant participants who have been identified to NHPRI by their providers.
- Requests for case management can be made through the Medical Management Department at (401) 459-6060 or (800) 264-3955, or by fax at (401) 459-6023. Allow two business days for a response.

| | MOM / BABY CRITERIA Mom: pregnant, inpatient Baby: NICU, physical impairments | NETWORK / VENDOR / PRODUCT INFO Approved providers (private or hospital-based), vendors, products | REQUIRED STEPS Prescriptions, referrals, times specifications | PAYMENT SPECS Direct pay, co-pay, reimbursement |
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| Education | | | | |
| Prenatal Breastfeeding Classes / Childbirth Education Classes | Covered benefit – group and individual | Classes at contracted network providers ¹ | No referral or authorization, show NHPRI card at class | No co-pay |
| Breastfeeding Support Groups | Not a covered benefit | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Lactation Support | | | | |
| In-patient Hospital | Covered as part of inpatient stay | Any contracted network hospital | | No co-pay |
| Out-patient Hospital / Home | Covered benefit | Needs to be performed by an IBCLC | Initial consult must occur w/in first 2 weeks after delivery Limited to 2 additional visits w/in first month after delivery No prior authorization required for initial lactation consult or 2 additional consults NHPRI Medical Management must review requests for referrals beyond 3 visits | No co-pay |
| Equipment | | | | |
| Manual Breast Pump | Covered Benefit | Contracted DME vendor | Submit MD prescription to DME vendor | No co-pay |
| Hospital Grade Electric Pump – Purchase / Individual Electric Breast Pump – Rental ² | Approved for NICU infants, other requests must meet medical necessity criteria | Kent, Homecare New England (formerly Claflin) and Vanguard | Requires MD prescription (given by member to DME vendor) and prior authorization (requested by DME vendor or prescribing MD) | No co-pay |
| Pump Kits – Purchase | Covered Benefit | Provided with electric pump | Authorized with electric pump – 1 maximum | No co-pay |

¹ Approved classes are listed in the Bright Start[®] Prenatal Program packets.
² Depending on the DME provider, member could receive either hospital-grade electric or individual electric pump.